

LIST OF PENDING CLAIMS

1-30. (Canceled)

31. (Previously Presented) Strapping which has been molecularly oriented by stretching in a longitudinal direction, having a width of 0.5-3 cm and a thickness of 0.03-0.20 cm, comprising:

97.2-99.8% by weight polyester; and

0.2-2.8% by weight of a linear low density polyethylene having a main polymer chain that is essentially linear with not more than 5 long chain branches per 1000 ethylene units;

wherein the linear low density polyethylene causes the strapping to have increased resistance to splitting in the longitudinal direction while under tension.

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32. (Previously Presented) Strapping which has been molecularly oriented by stretching in a longitudinal direction, having a width of 0.5-3 cm and a thickness of 0.03-0.20 cm, comprising:

97.2-99.8% by weight polyester selected from the group consisting of polyethylene naphthalate, polyethylene isophthalate, and combinations thereof; and

0.2-2.8% of one or more polyolefins selected from the group consisting of linear low density polyethylene, branched low density polyethylene, high density polyethylene, and combinations thereof;

wherein the polyolefin causes the strapping to have increased resistance to splitting in the longitudinal direction while under tension.

33. (Previously Presented) Strapping which has been molecularly oriented by stretching in a longitudinal direction, having a width of 0.5-3 cm and a thickness of 0.03-0.20 cm, comprising:

97.2-99.8% polyester; and

0.2-2.8% by weight of the strapping, of one or more polyolefins selected from the group consisting of linear low density polyethylene, branched low density polyethylene, high density polyethylene, and combinations thereof, wherein the polyolefin is grafted with a polar monomer;

wherein the polyolefin causes the strapping to have increased resistance to splitting in the longitudinal direction while under tension.

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34. (Previously Presented) Strapping which has been molecularly oriented by stretching a longitudinal direction, having a width of 0.5-3 cm and a thickness of 0.03-0.20 cm, comprising:

97.2-99.8% by weight polyester having an intrinsic viscosity of about 0.7-1.2 deciliters per gram; and

0.2-2.8% by weight linear low density polyethylene;

wherein the linear low density polyethylene causes the strapping to have increased resistance to splitting in the longitudinal direction while under tension.

35. (Previously Presented) The strapping of Claim 31, wherein the polyester is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate, polybutylene terephthalate, and combinations thereof.

36. (Previously Presented) The strapping of Claim 31, wherein the polyester is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene naphthalate, polyethylene isophthalate, and combinations thereof.

37. (Previously Presented) The strapping of Claim 31, further comprising a styrene block copolymer elastomeric material.

38. (Previously Presented) The strapping of Claim 31, having a uniaxially oriented length which is about 3-7 times an initial, unstretched length.

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39. (Previously Presented) The strapping of Claim 31, comprising:

98.5-99.5% by weight of the polyester; and

0.5-1.5% by weight of the linear low density polyethylene.

40. (Previously Presented) The strapping of Claim 32, further comprising a styrene block copolymer elastomeric material.

41. (Previously Presented) The strapping of Claim 32, having a uniaxially oriented length which is about 3-7 times an initial, unstretched length.

42. (Previously Presented) The strapping of Claim 32, comprising:

98.5-99.5% by weight of the polyester; and

0.5-1.5% by weight of the one or more polyolefins.

43. (Previously Presented) The strapping of Claim 33, wherein the polyolefin grafted with a polar monomer comprises a linear low density polyethylene having a main polymer chain that is essentially linear with not more than 5 long chain branches per 1000 ethylene units.

44. (Previously Presented) The strapping of Claim 33, further comprising a styrene block copolymer elastomeric material.

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45. (Previously Presented) The strapping of Claim 33, having a uniaxially oriented length which is about 3-7 times an initial, unstretched length.

46. (Previously Presented) The strapping of Claim 33, comprising:

98.5-99.5% by weight of the polyester; and

0.5-1.5% by weight of the polyolefin grafted with a polar monomer.

47. (Previously Presented) The strapping of Claim 34, wherein the polyester is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate, polybutylene terephthalate, and combinations thereof.

48. (Previously Presented) The strapping of Claim 34, wherein the polyester is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene naphthalate, polyethylene isophthalate, and combinations thereof.

49. (Previously Presented) The strapping of Claim 34, further comprising a styrene block copolymer elastomeric material.

50. (Previously Presented) The strapping of Claim 34, having a uniaxially oriented length which is about 3-7 times an initial, unstretched length.

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51. (Previously Presented) The strapping of Claim 34, comprising:

98.5-99.5% by weight of the polyester; and

0.5-1.5% by weight of the one or more polyolefins.